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Tom,

Talked with Tami Sheldon on the status of the ditch analysis for testing. Tami plans to meet David Romero Thursday morning to accompany him to do the testing on the ditches.

The only issue I see at this time with the ditches is that the East Mesa ditch has been turned on (decision made by ditch company). The tribe has no official water rights on this ditch but waste water from this ditch ends up on the Scott property. Since the ditch has been turned on, it is possible that some waste water will make it onto the Scott property. I do not know if this is a problem or not, based on current water quality. Tami noted that they plan to test the water in this East Mesa ditch on Thursday in case some waste water gets on the Scott property. Just wanted to pass this on.

In addition, water has also been put into the Animas Ditch (once again a decision of the ditch company) but does not appear that any of this water goes to Tribal lands so there should be no issues here.

The Twin Rocks ditch, located further south along 550 (south past Bonds place) exists and it does have tribal water rights but the tribe is not currently using the water and I'm not clear if the ditch is on or not.

If you have any further questions probably best to call Tami. Sounds like they are still finalizing the locations that need to be sampled tomorrow.